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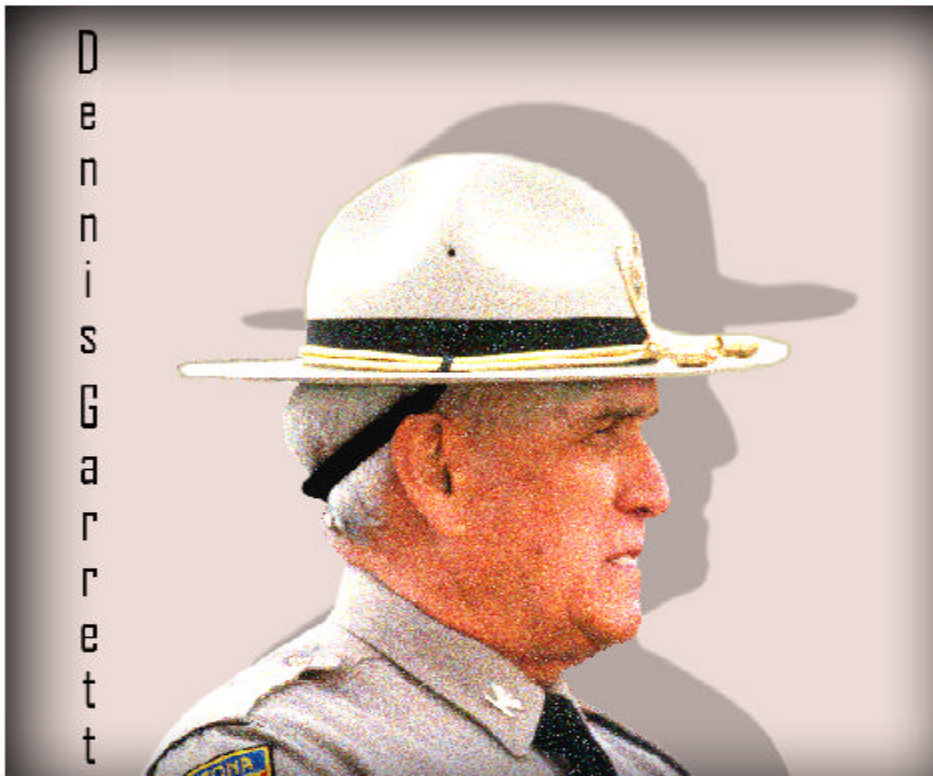
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'Courteous Vigilance'

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Garrett believes agency's stature, tranquility returned during his watch

When history is written about DPS, Dennis Garrett's legacy may center on his success in returning the Department to national prominence within the ranks of the country's criminal justice community while, at the same time, providing a leadership role that helped mend disagreements that were festering within the Department prior to his official arrival in January 2000.

"I think during my five years here, tranquility within the Department was restored," Garrett said. "That was a priority with Gov. Jane D. Hull and her staff. She felt there was an unhealthy amount of discord at DPS that needed to be addressed and rectified. Thanks to various entities, ranging from employee groups to employees themselves, I believe this was accomplished during my administration."

Under Gov. Hull, unity within the Department was a priority. Under Gov. Janet Napolitano, attention shifted to the issue of the Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, especially after two DPS officers died from injuries in separate crashes when their Ford patrol cars burst into flames after being struck from behind by other vehicles.

Gov. Napolitano was instrumental, as the state's attorney general at the time, in developing an Arizona/Ford blue ribbon panel to study why the Police Interceptor appeared to be susceptible to fires during high-impact, rear-end collisions.

As governor, she continued that cause relying heavily on DPS to work closely with the Ford Motor Company in getting the automobile manufacturer to agree to several changes in an effort to make the popular patrol car safer and less prone to the possi-

Reflecting on his career, former director says he lived the 'American dream'

For Dennis Garrett, his 40-year career in law enforcement was "living the American dream."

But when he officially left Jan. 16, the retiring DPS director was looking forward to a life of family outings, golf, travel with his wife, and riding his motorcycle.

"I have eight grandchildren and I hope to spend considerably more time with them," Garrett said.

"I think between my family, my love for traveling, golf and motorcycling, I should remain pretty busy.

"I don't have any future work plans. I promised my wife that I would take at least a year off to simply unwind and relax. I'm no spring chicken, so it's not like I want to launch another career."

For Garrett, who served 35 years with the Phoenix Police Department before retiring as chief, his first retirement was a brief one.

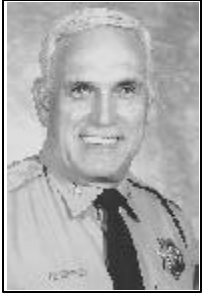
About two years after leaving the Phoenix Police Department, he was approached about an appointment as director of DPS, replacing Joe Albo whose five-year appointment was drawing to a close.

After talking with his wife and close friends about returning to the work force, Garrett accepted Gov. Jane D. Hull's appointment to serve as DPS' director for the next five years.

"At the time of my appointment, the governor felt there was some discord within the Department and she had confidence that I

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From Director Dennis Garrett's

Vantage Point

As I leave the Department after spending five years as your director, a heart-felt thank you to all who assisted and supported the Department of Public Safety's vision of becoming a model state-level law enforcement agency for the nation.

As I have mentioned before, during the 40 years I have been a commissioned peace officer, I have met many fine people in all aspects of the criminal justice system. None, however, are more dedicated to protecting the citizens of Arizona than the employees of DPS.

Since I officially became DPS director in January 2000, employees here have been outstanding. There are none better. Modestly stated, Arizona is blessed to have such outstanding employees.

The organizations who represent DPS employees also deserve sincere accolades for their willingness to set aside previous disagreements and work with my administration which allowed DPS to emerge again as a national leader among law enforcement agencies.

During my tenure at the helm, much has been accomplished and very little of it could have been attained without the dedication of all DPS employees.

Just a glimpse at some of the Department's accomplishments during the past five years.

We have obtained more than 130 new officer positions. The overtime budget for officers was tripled. We obtained funding to begin the overhaul of the state criminal justice network, as well as a communications system.

Most important, perhaps, is that we also played a guiding role in addressing safety issues revolving around the Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Although there are issues remaining to be confronted, this patrol car is much safer today than it was two or three years ago.

Director David Gonzales will need your continued support as this agency confronts a multitude of issues brought about by terrorism and a rapidly-increasing state population that continues to draw a multitude of state budgetary concerns. I am certain that Director Gonzales and his administration will receive support very similar, if not more, to what I saw during my five years here.

Your commitment and dedication to public safety and criminal justice certainly made my job easier. Again, thank you. Our creed of "Courteous Vigilance" rests in good hands thanks to your dedication and commitment to excellence.

Garrett ...

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could restore tranquility within the agency," Garrett explained. "I believe this has been accomplished. I think the Department's relationship with our employee groups is better now than it was when I got here.

"I thank the employee groups for working with me and my administration in developing and maintaining a good working relationship with employees and employee groups."

Garrett's "honeymoon" as director, unfortunately, was brief as tragedy awaited just around the corner in the form of two line-of-duty deaths involving Officers F.J. "Skip" Fink, one of the more popular Highway Patrol officers, and Brett Buckminster, the youngest ever at DPS to lose his life in the line of duty.

Both officers died in separate car crashes – Fink on Feb. 18 and Buckminster about a month later on March 21.

"That was the toughest and most difficult challenge I faced as director of the Department," he said.

"It was an enormous challenge helping the Department through these two tragedies which also occurred when I was trying to learn the ropes of the Department while dealing with the legislature for the first time.

"One of the things I have taken a lot of pride in goes back to those funerals. Watching the way employees in this agency pulled together while putting forth an extra effort was something I'll always remember with pride. Our DPS employees continued doing their jobs well while coping with the emotional stress of losing two fine officers."

Despite an emotionally draining beginning, Garrett said he never had second thoughts about becoming the Department's director.

"When I was first approached about the possibility of this appointment, I was excited about it," Garrett reminisced.

"I looked at this as an opportunity to apply the skills I had developed during my law enforcement career and make some changes that would impact the Department on a positive level.

"I never second-guessed my decision to become the Department's director. Obviously, you have individual situations that pop up that you wish hadn't had happened or would have happened in a different way. But, I pretty much understood what it is to be an administrator. You have to take the good with the bad and just keep trying to move forward."

If there was one thing Garrett said he would have done differently it concerns the issue of a deputy director.

"At first, I didn't want a deputy director, but as the agency grew and our responsibilities increased, mostly because of our state's rapid growth, coupled with increasing freeway miles, I probably should have brought back that position," Garrett explained.

"If I had to do it over again, I probably would have made that change about three years ago."

Although he plans to remain active with several charitable organizations, Garrett says he looks forward to retirement.

"I don't know if I will miss work, it's the people whom I will miss," the former DPS director said.

"I have lived the American dream. The hard work ethic and discipline instilled in me by my parents, family and teachers and my belief in God allowed me to go as far as I could, further than I ever imagined.

"I am eternally grateful to those who helped me throughout my career."



Federal gratitude

The U.S. Department of Education presented glass plaques of appreciation to DPS' Video Production Unit for developing and producing a DVD on identity theft and related issues. From left are Lt. Dave Myers of Training, Paul Palmer of Video, Dept. of Education Special Agent Natalie Forbort, Ruben Chavez of Video, Director Dennis Garrett and Agency Support Division Assistant Director Rod Covey.

Dept. of Education honors DPS Video for assisting in DVD

In its continuing battle against identity theft, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General, relied on DPS' Video Production Unit to assist in developing and producing a DVD that eventually was distributed nationally.

In return, the Department of Education presented glass plaques of appreciation on Nov. 19 to Ruben Chavez and Paul Palmer of the Department's Video Production Unit.

In making the presentation, Natalie Forbort, special agency in charge for the Department of Education, said Chavez and Palmer conducted numerous interviews while developing and producing the DVD.

"They were very professional and detailed in their work which

resulted in an excellent product on identity theft," Forbort said. "The DVD will be distributed to the financial aid community and other law enforcement agencies in an effort to raise awareness about identity theft in the Department of Education's financial student assistance program.

"The cooperation and time spent on this project by Mr. Chavez and Mr. Palmer resulted in a DVD that has already been lauded by others for its insightful information and professional presentation."

The glass awards were presented to Chavez and Palmer by Forbort in the presence of Director Dennis Garrett, Agency Support Division Assistant Director Rod Covey and Lt. Dave Myers of Training who supervises the Video Production Unit.

DPS at a Glance

Nearly \$221,000 in the Cochise County RICO account was transferred to the Department for the planned expansion of the DPS district headquarters office in Sierra Vista.

Personnel from DPS Facilities are working with a contractor to set a date to begin construction.

DPS Sgt. Ed Slechta was presented with the National Emergency Room Nurse's Association Award for his efforts in combating DUI problems in southern Arizona.

Slechta, a 39-year veteran with the Department, was selected for the award from among 49 nominees, one from each state.

The award was presented Oct. 21 during a meeting of the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force.

The National Criminal Enforcement Association will honor DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer Albert Vandaveer during its winter conference, Feb. 1-4, in Myrtle Beach S.C.

While at the conference, Vandaveer will receive both the "Seizure of the Month for October 2004" and the "Largest Marijuana Seizure for 2004" from the group.

A Highway Patrol Division spokesman said both awards are high honors and well deserved.

Vandaveer will be recognized for his discovery and seizure of 6,207 pounds of marijuana concealed in a semi-trailer that he had stopped on Interstate 40 near Sanders.

Arizona No. 1 in seat belt usage

Arizona is No. 1.

This state may not have the best football and basketball teams in the country, but when it comes to seat-belt usage, the Grand Canyon State tops the list, according to a survey conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

NHTSA reports 95.3 percent motorists buckle up while motoring about Arizona. Hawaii was second with a 95.1-percent index. The survey also marked the first time in U.S. history that the 95-percent belt-use barrier had been broken.

Richard Fimbres, director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, told Arizona media that the his office has been "reaching into the communities to educate citizens that seat belts are important and they do save lives."

The GOHS director also credits a media campaign, Click It or Ticket, strong support from law enforcement, the media and community organizations for getting out the message.

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8 of Department's 9 newest sergeants going to Highway Patrol

Eight DPS officers were promoted to sergeant by Director Dennis Garrett during ceremonies Dec. 14 at state headquarters in Phoenix.

Receiving sergeant's stripes from the director were David Blue, Shannon Bradley, Robert Brunet, Javier Garayzar, Danny Hannigan, David Nilson, Charles Serino Jr., and Warren Simpson. A week earlier, Steve Shroufe was promoted to sergeant during a ceremony in the Director's Office.

With the exception of Garayzar, who will remain in the Criminal Investigations Division, all the recently-promoted sergeants received assignments within the Highway Patrol Division.

DAVID BLUE

Blue's law enforcement career began as a correctional service sergeant at the Arizona State Prison in Florence.

After graduating from the Central Arizona Regional Law Officers Training Academy in Coolidge, he became a police officer in Coolidge.

He came to DPS in 1996 and was assigned to Quartzite as a Highway Patrol officer. In 1998, the former U.S. Marine became a DPS canine officer, remaining in the Quartzite area.

During his Quartzite assignment, Blue and his canine, Santo, seized more than 4,000 pounds of marijuana, 200 pounds of cocaine and \$400,000 in cash.

The Denver native who was reared in Tucson received a Director's Unit Citation in 2001 as a member of the Canine Unit.

In 2003, he received an award for Outstanding Service from the Knights of Columbus and was selected Drug Interdiction Officer of the Year by a task force assigned to the La Paz County Sheriff's Office.

Blue, who graduates this month from Rio Salado College with an associate's degree in political science, will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in

Casa Grande.

SHANNON BRADLEY

Bradley, a Tucson native, launched his DPS career in May 1995 as a cadet officer. Upon graduation from the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy (ALEA), Bradley was assigned to the Highway Patrol in Tucson.

In 1999, he transferred to the Liquor Enforcement Unit in Tucson. That was followed two years later with a transfer to the White Collar Crime Unit.

In June 2002, he was assigned to the Southern Computer Forensics Unit where he specialized in high-technology investigations and digital evidence acquisition.

Bradley, an Army veteran who served in the Persian Gulf War, is working towards a degree in criminal justice administration at the University of Arizona.

As a sergeant, his first assignment will be with the Highway Patrol in Oracle.

ROBERT BRUNET

Brunet's career with DPS began in September 1994 as an identification clerk in the Handgun Clearance Unit. In August 1999, he became a cadet officer and upon graduation from ALEA, he was assigned to the Highway Patrol in Phoenix.

He later transferred into the Vehicular Crimes Unit which was followed in 2003 with a move into the Special Investigations Unit.

During his career, he has received two Director's Unit Citations – one as a member of the Handgun Clearance Unit, the other with the Vehicular Crimes Unit.

The Phoenix native, who spent most of his pre-teen years living in Canada prior to returning to Phoenix at age 12, will draw Phoenix Metro Central district as his first sergeant's assignment.

JAVIER GARAYZAR

Garayzar's law enforcement career began in Nogales with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Of-



fice. He joined DPS in 1993 as a Highway Patrol officer assigned to Nogales. In 1997, he transferred into Criminal Investigations, assigned to the Santa Cruz Metro Narcotics Task Force.

In 2000, the Nogales, Sonora native transferred into the DEA/DPS Clandestine Drug Lab Task Force in Tucson. During that year, he joined the Special Operations Unit in Tucson. In that capacity, he served as a tactical operator and as the assistant team leader for the Tucson contingency team.

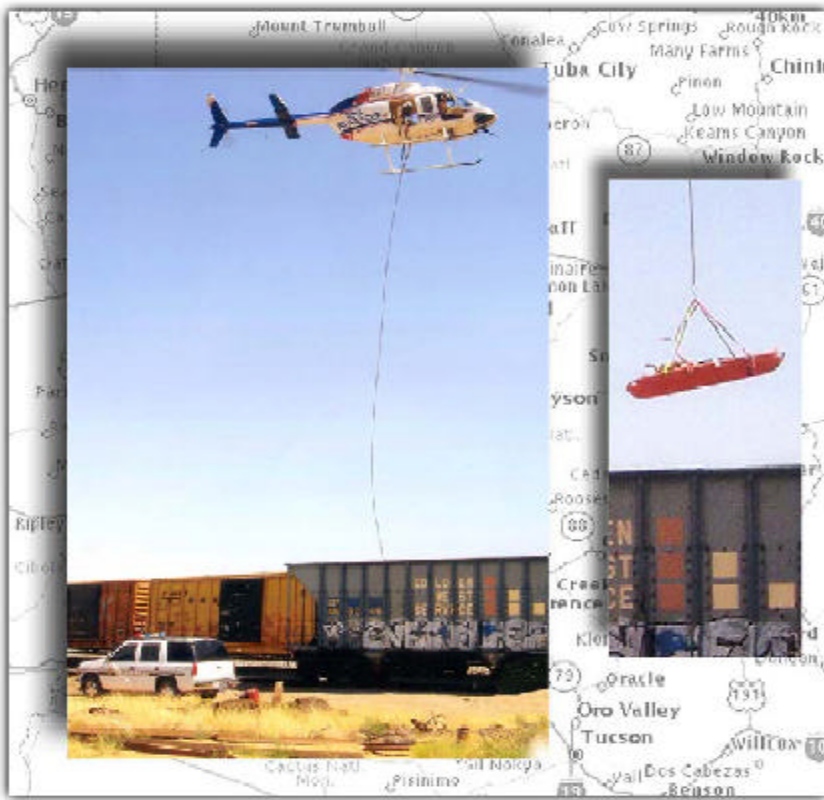
A transfer to Tucson Narcotics was followed by another transfer in 2004 to the Pima County Counter Narcotics Alliance.

Garayzar, who is completing an associate's degree at Pima Community College, was presented with the Southern Operations Bureau Criminal Investigations Officer of the Year Award and the Bureau's District Officer of the Year Award in 1998. He was the recipient of a Director's Unit Citation in 2003 and again in 2004.

Recently, he received a Distinguished Service Award as a member of the Hostage Rescue team deployed during a hostage situation last January at the Sam Lewis Correctional Facility.

With his promotion, Garayzar will be assigned to Tucson Southern Narcotics.

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Commendation given to DPS crew for intricate rescue

DPS Pilot Dennis A. Smith and Officer/Paramedic David J. Allred recently received a letter of commendation from the Department's Aviation Section for their roles in a very unique rescue operation last summer.

The helicopter rescue operation, believed to be the first of its kind in DPS history, occurred May 29 after the two crew members of Southern Air Rescue were requested to assist with the rescue of a subject who had fallen into an open-top railroad car near Bowie.

The subject, a railroad worker, had been standing on top of the railroad car when his train had a low-speed impact with a car from a train on a different track.

The impact caused the subject to fall some 15 feet into the open-top car he was standing on.

As a result, the subject sustained a significant head injury and was unable to move.

Because the railroad car was deep and without side doors, the first emergency responders at the scene had no available method to remove the severely-injured victim.

Realizing the injured victim would somehow have to be lifted out of the car, a request was made for the assistance of Southern Air Rescue.

The DPS helicopter arrived at the scene shortly after it was requested.

Once above the accident scene, Smith strategically maneuvered the aircraft over the railroad car while Allred carefully "spotted" and "controlled" a short-haul rope.

Due to the careful maneuvering of the aircraft and precision rope handling by the crew, the victim was stabilized in a stokes basket and then "short hauled" to safety.

A short time later he was transported to an area hospital by a privately-owned medical helicopter.

In the commendation Smith and Allred received for their role in the rescue, they were praised for their skills and devotion to duty.

"Your skills and devotion to duty are exemplary and reflect greatly upon DPS and the agency's Aviation Section," the commendation said.

Ever written a citation for 140 mph over?

For those DPS officers who have worked or are working the road, have you ever written a citation for 140 over?

A Minnesota state trooper did.

In September, Minnesota State Patrol Pilot Al Loney was flying patrol near Wabasha watching two motorcyclists racing along U.S. 61 near the Wisconsin state line. When one rider shot forward, Loney activated his stopwatch. He clicked it once and timed the motorcycle for a quarter-mile. The watch read 4.39 seconds which calculates to 205 mph.

"I was in total disbelief," Loney told the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. "I had to double check my watch because in 27 years I'd never seen anything move that fast."

During re-entry, about three-quarters of a mile later, the biker slowed to 100 mph. By then, Loney had radioed another state trooper who stopped the two racing enthusiasts.

The "record setter" was arrested for reckless driving, driving without a motorcycle license and for driving his high-performance Honda 1000 motorcycle 140 mph over the posted speed limit of 65 mph.

Editor's note: The Digest would appreciate hearing about any documented similar incidents incurred by DPS officers. Contact Art Coughanour at Ext. 2313, interdepartmental e-mail 3131, or Lotus Notes acoughanour@dps.state.az.us.

There are various ways to contact DPS attorneys

An assistant attorney general is on site and available to departmental personnel on Tuesday mornings from 8 to noon and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 5.

The Legal Office at DPS is located on the second floor, west wing.

Assistant attorney generals assigned to DPS are Kellie Geyer, Lisa Maxie-Mullins and Brian Schneider.

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Groaner:

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Becky Castillo retires after 33 years of service with Department

Rebecca M. Castillo, DPS' top communications supervisor in Flagstaff for the past 20 years, retired from the agency in December following more than 33 years of service.

Castillo began her career with DPS on Aug. 1, 1971, as a police communications specialist. In 1980, she was promoted and became the first and only communications specialist II at the agency. At the time of the promotion, Castillo was considered the "lead dispatcher" for all of DPS.

In 1984, Castillo promoted to police communications supervisor and became the top supervisor at DPS' Northern Communications Center in Flagstaff. She effectively handled the enormous responsibilities of the position for the 20 years leading up to her recent retirement.

Castillo received numerous awards during her career at DPS for her supervisory skills. She received what was likely the most significant award of her career two years ago when a national organization, Associated Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO), presented her with its Communications Line Supervisor of the Year Award for Arizona law enforcement agencies.

She received the prestigious honor for her "excellent supervision" of DPS' Northern Operational Communications Center during the devastating Rodeo-Chediski wildfire in 2002. The fire in Arizona's White Mountains burned some 468,638 acres of prime forest land and destroyed nearly 500 homes. Some 30,000 residents were evacuated and displaced during the fire.

About 60 DPS officers, including some of those displaced by the fire, were assigned to the disaster area to assist with evacuations, security and traffic control.

The lifesaving activities of the DPS officers and other emergency responders during the fire were made possible because they

were effectively dispatched and coordinated by various public safety dispatchers, especially those supervised by Castillo.

The dispatchers supervised by Castillo established a dedicated 24-hour dispatch console during the disaster that proved to be a critical communications link for thousands of the fire's emergency responders. Castillo played a vital role in ensuring that operations ran smoothly at the Flagstaff dispatch center as the wildfire became the focus of national media attention.



In her retirement letter, Director Dennis Garrett said Castillo's professionalism and willingness to help others transcended many difficult times at DPS. Garrett also said Castillo led by example and always retained optimism and commitment to fulfill her obligations with the highest of standards.

"You have made a lasting impression on Operational Communications and you will be greatly missed by all of the employees at DPS," Garrett said.

Retired officer helps finish porch of U.S. airman serving in Iraq

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BY JOHN KAMIN
Assistant Editor

When Phillip Ferguson returns from the Middle East to sit with his wife and gaze at storms passing over Mount Graham, he can do so in comfort, thanks to his friends and neighbors in Pima.

Ferguson is in the 258th Engineering Company, which is assigned to the Tallil Air Force Base in Iraq. His wife, Lorene Ferguson, said he deployed in December 2003, along with

many other men from the Gila Valley.

Lorene says she hopes he will return before January 2005, but she is facing the fact that he may serve until the summer of 2005.

Like most soldiers, Phillip is missed by his family and friends, including C.B. Fletcher. Fletcher, who retired from DPS as an officer in 1983, knew Phillip wanted to finish building a carport and a porch on his house, but was deployed before he could start building the latter.

Fletcher knew his friend of 10 years was disappointed by the fact that he never got

to the porch. Three months ago, he called Lorene and told her he would be coming over to start on the porch. During that time, he has received help from friends such as Ron Gardener, Earl Tulley, Mike McDermott, Darwin Weech, Pete Osman and Jon Batty.

Gardener worked as a "go-fer" and grabbed whatever Fletcher needed. Batty, of Jon's Heating and Cooling, confirmed that he would install the porch's screen at no charge.

"This is going to be a real surprise for

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Tranquility ...

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bility of fire should a high-impact, rear-end collision occur.

"We took on a leadership role in trying to make all patrol cars, not just the Crown Victorias, as safe as possible," Garrett said. "We accomplished a lot in this area. As a result of our efforts and others around the country who shared similar concerns, the IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) got heavily involved in this issue which led to the development of the Law Enforcement Stops and Safety Subcommittee (LESSS).

"We had an impact on this committee that not only addressed Crown Vic issues but various officer safety issues as well. I believe this is a very good thing. It didn't just affect DPS, but police officers around the country as well."

Over a period of time, Ford introduced several changes to its Police Interceptor, most of which had been recommended by the Department and LESSS.

Other departmental accomplishment's under Garrett's watch included:

- The addition of more than 130 new officer positions.
- Tripling of overtime funds.
- Increasing substantially the number of new patrol cars.
- Tasers for officers.
- Funding used to overhaul the state's criminal justice network.
- Funding to begin modernization of the state public safety radio communications microwave system.
- Funding to replace an antiquated mobile data terminal system.
- Homeland Security funding to develop the Arizona Counter Terrorist Information Center, the first of its kind in the nation.
- Funding to begin the development of a statewide interoperable communications network.
- Funding for state-of-the-art driving simulators.
- Funding from the FBI to develop one of four regional mitochondrial DNA laboratories in the U.S.
- Developed a pay plan process for sworn personnel that was approved in part by the state legislature.

"Getting our messages across to the legislature that salaries, patrol cars, equipment and the state's need for additional officers in the future was of utmost importance during my time as director," Garrett said. "I believe we have made a pretty good bond with the legislature with these concerns.

"I truly believe the legislature has attempted to help us where and when it could. It's just that the state has been in a tough financial situation for more than three years. In the last two years, the legislature has given us more officers and has increased our fleet. They also agreed to give our officers more money. Unless something happens tragically with future budgets, I see this continuing, but we still have a ways to go."

Fletcher ...

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my husband," Lorene said. "They're very good friends of ours, but I didn't expect them to do this."

Fletcher and Gardener welcomed Lorene and Phillip when they first moved to Pima in 1994. Lorene, a Gila Valley native, said Fletcher and Gardener invited them to cook-outs, hikes and other events.

Throughout the years, the Fergusons developed many friends in the community because of Fletcher and Gardener. This made the Fergusons' outdoor activities, such as bird hunting and four-wheeling, much more fun because they've had friends like C.B. to share them with.

"We're just real outdoorsy people," Lorene said. "Phil loves to quail hunt. He loves to shoot birds and to go out looking for them."

Phillip's deployment in Iraq is emotionally stressful for Lorene, but she has the help of Fletcher and Gardener to help her deal with the stress.

"They've been taking really good care of me, too," she said. "That's one less thing the armory has to do."

Recently, four mortars struck Tallil Air Force Base, Lorene said. Her voice trembled slightly as she said Phillip was uninjured but that she wants him to come home.

When he does return, he can rest his legs on his new porch and do what some Gila Valley residents do ever single day: gaze at Mount Graham.

Law of the Road:

*If all vehicles in the
U.S. were laid end to
end, someone will still
pull out and try to
pass.*



HUGH HEGARTY

Retired DPS Sgt. Hugh Hegarty passes away

Retired DPS Sgt. Hugh Hegarty, 63, passed away Dec. 14 in Phoenix.

The brother of former DPS Director James J. Hegarty retired from the Department May 1, 1984, after 20 years of service.

His first assignment was with the Arizona Highway Patrol as a dispatcher in the Flagstaff area. Sgt. Hegarty also was a dispatcher in Tucson before going through the Arizona Highway Patrol's training academy in Phoenix. Upon graduation from the academy in 1964, his first road assignment was in the Tucson area.

In 1968, badge number 212 transferred to Tempe and worked Baseline Road. Later that year, he participated in the formation of the Criminal Investigation Section. In 1969, he returned to the road working the Beeline Highway.

In 1970, Sgt. Hegarty transferred into the Training Section and remained there until his promotion to sergeant in 1971. His promotion took him to Yuma, his final assignment with DPS.

Upon retirement, Sgt. Hegarty said his most memorable moment with the Department was not one blessed with happiness. It came Sept. 5, 1970, while working the Beeline Highway during a rainstorm.

Eventually, an area between Payson and Sunflower flooded and claimed the life of fellow Highway Patrol Officer Gilbert A. Duthie who was en route to assist Hegarty and other officers when the bridge he was crossing was swept away by flood waters.

Survivors include his son Jack, a DPS lieutenant; and daughter Sheila.

A memorial service for Sgt. Hegarty was performed Dec. 29.



Who Is She?

Her curly hair disappeared long before she came to DPS, but such a change hasn't crimped her ability in handling her administrative duties at DPS. Who is she?

Correctly identify this civilian employee and you will be eligible to win a DPS polo shirt courtesy of the Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona (AHPA).

Interdepartmental e-mail entries

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Internet entries should be sent to acoughanour@dps.state.az.us.

Interdepartmental mail should go to *The Digest*, P.O. Box 6638, Phoenix, AZ 85005.

November contest

There were 18 employees who correctly identified Dee Strickland as the girl with the tight-lipped smile. Sharon Johnson, an administrative secretary assigned to Internal Affairs, was awarded the AHPA shirt by virtue of a drawing.

New sergeants ...

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DANNY HANNIGAN

After graduating from the academy in the spring of 1993, Hannigan was assigned to the Highway Patrol in Sierra Vista. Two years later, Hannigan transferred to Phoenix.

In 1997, the New York City native returned to Sierra Vista with the Highway Patrol. Some four years later, he left the road for an assignment with GITEM before returning to the Highway Patrol and transferring to Apache Junction.

The U.S. Army veteran transferred into the Vehicular Crimes Unit in 2003 and will remain with that unit as a sergeant.

At DPS, he has received two Director's Unit Citations, a squad of the year award and a certificate of commendation for DUI enforcement.

Prior to DPS, Hannigan worked eight years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Hannigan, who spent his youth in southern California, Taiwan and Germany, is pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

DAVID NILSON

After graduating from the Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy in Tucson in 1990, Nilson drew a remote-duty assignment before transferring with the Highway Patrol to Casa Grande. In 1994, he transferred into the Criminal Investigations Division.

As a detective, Nilson conducted more than 20 controlled deliveries of narcotics throughout the United States which led to the dismantling of several large drug organizations.

During his career, he earned a Stolen Vehicle ACE Plate Award, a Criminal Interdiction ACE Award, two officer of the year

awards from the Pinal County Elks Lodge, and a district officer of the year award from Criminal Investigations.

As a new sergeant, Nilson, who was born and reared in St. James, N.Y. and later served with the U.S. Navy, will supervise a Highway Patrol squad in Kayenta.

CHARLES SERINO JR.

Serino's law enforcement career began with the ASU Department of Public Safety in 1991. Two years later, he came to DPS and drew Nogales as his first assignment. Starting in 1995, Serino worked five years as a canine officer in the Tucson theater before transferring into the Liquor Control Unit in 2000. Two years later, he transferred into Tucson General Investigations.

The Chandler native who was raised in Tucson also is a member of the DPS Honor Guard.

During his career, Serino has received a Criminal Interdiction Ace Award, a Director's Unit Citation and was a member of the canine squad which received squad of the year recognition.

As a sergeant, Serino, who is working on an associate's degree in law enforcement, will be assigned to Nogales.

Serino's father is a DPS sergeant who is assigned to Legislative Security. The elder Serino has been employed by the Department for more than 35 years.

STEVE SHROUFE

Shroufe embarked on his DPS career in 1993 as a cadet officer. Upon graduating from ALETA, where he was recognized as class honor cadet, Yuma was his first assignment with the Highway Patrol.

About a year later, the Northern Arizona University graduate returned to Flagstaff as a Highway Patrol officer. In May 1999, he transferred to the Northern Narcotics Unit

in Flagstaff before returning to the Highway Patrol in 2000.

From 1995 to 2002, Shroufe also was a member of the Special Operations Unit in Flagstaff, serving as team leader the final three years.

During his career, the Winomac, Ind. native, was awarded the District 2 Highway Patrol Officer of the Year award in 1998. That same year, the Flagstaff Moose Lodge selected him as its DPS officer of the year.

He was the SOU officer of the year in 2000. In 2002, he again was presented with District 2 Highway Patrol Officer of the Year Award. While with HP's District 2 in 2003, Shroufe received a Director's Unit Citation and in 2004, he was presented with the district's first Quarter-High Altitude Award.

With his promotion, Shroufe will remain with the Highway Patrol in Flagstaff.

WARREN SIMPSON

Simpson began his DPS career in April 1993 as a cadet officer. After graduating from the academy, his first assignment as a Highway Patrol officer was in Parker. A year later, he transferred and began working the Beeline Highway which was followed by an assignment in Youngtown. He later returned to the Beeline which was followed by a transfer to Tucson.

With his promotion, Simpson will be assigned to Phoenix Metro Central with the Highway Patrol.

Simpson, who was born in Phoenix and raised in Snowflake, has been a field training instructor since 1997. He received district officer of the year awards in 1996, 1998 and 2003. While in Tucson in 2002, he was the recipient of a MADD DUI Enforcement Award.

Simpson also holds a bachelor of science degree in business from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff.

The war on drugs

A surveillance operation targeting a Tucson residence eventually led detectives assigned to the Pima County Narcotics Alliance to 520 pounds of marijuana.

The detectives served a search warrant Dec. 13 on the residence. Besides the contraband, DPS Sgt. Mark Morlock said the detectives also seized three vehicles and an assault rifle while arresting four suspects.

Littering on the highway can lead to trouble with the law.

That's what this truck driver learned after he was stopped by DPS Canine Officer Louis Torres Dec. 9 about 15 miles west of Kingman. After his canine, Alex, and Officer John Armstrong's dog, Robbie, alerted to the vehicle during an exterior sniff, Torres made arrangements to have the tractor-trailer rig moved to another location to be off loaded.

While the rig was being led to this location, Armstrong saw the driver throw something from the window. He retrieved the item which proved to be a gram of cocaine.

Once the truck was off loaded, the officers found 1,051 pounds of marijuana which was seized along with the cocaine, the tractor trailer rig and \$980 in U.S. currency. The driver was arrested and booked into a Mohave County jail.

That's a ton of marijuana.

Not quite, but 1,952 pounds of the contraband is pretty darn close.

That's how much marijuana detectives assigned to the Pima County Narcotics Alliance (CNA) seized after serving a search warrant on a Tucson residence Dec. 7.

DPS Sgt. Mark Morlock told the Duty Office that the detectives also seized three vehicles and almost \$11,000 in cash.

The next day, DPS detectives assigned to Southern Narcotics, with assistance from the CNA, served a search warrant at another Tucson residence that produced 1,284 pounds of marijuana.

Detective Russell Bocks said two suspects were arrested as part of the investigation.

Detectives from Phoenix Narcotics seized a little bit of everything during a Dec. 3 search of two Phoenix residences.

Seized were 10 pounds of marijuana, 1.5 ounces of cocaine, 1.5 ounces of methamphetamine, 30 grams of crack cocaine, 22 weapons, more than \$2,000 in cash, two vehicles, two residences and \$25,000 in vari-

ous bank accounts.

The detectives also arrested four suspects on numerous drug-related charges.

Assisting in the service of the search warrants were the Special Operations Unit, Financial Crimes Unit, HIDTA, Canine personnel and several Highway Patrol officers.

Although the suspects weren't apprehended, Canine Officer Trent Adamson's chase of a stolen car still produced 336 pounds of marijuana.

Prior to the Dec. 3 pursuit, Adamson told the Duty Office that he attempted to stop the vehicle for an equipment violation, but when the vehicle came to rest near an east Tucson intersection, the three suspects fled on foot, leaving behind the contraband and the stolen 1987 Lincoln four-door.

The DPS Ranger helicopter based in Tucson was deployed but was unsuccessful in locating the fugitives.

A stop for a traffic violation Dec. 2 on I-10 near Marana led Canine Officer Louis Torres to the discovery of 25.2 pounds of cocaine.

Following the stop, Torres told the Duty Office that his canine Alex alerted on the vehicle. After arresting one suspect, Torres said he seized a 2000 Ford Expedition and \$1,360 in cash.

This drug suspect probably was about to boil over after DPS canine Woody reacted to the smell of drugs and not radiator coolant.

Following the Nov. 30 traffic stop on I-17 near Camp Verde, Officer Cleave Odegard arrested one suspect on drug charges after finding 16 pounds of cocaine hidden in the area of the radiator of the 1996 Chevrolet pickup truck. The truck and \$200 in U.S. currency were also seized.

A week earlier, Odegard seized 357 pounds of marijuana during another traffic stop, this time about 20 miles north of the cocaine seizure. He also confiscated \$1,100 in cash during the incident.

Flagstaff-based Highway Patrol Officer Mace Craft seized four pounds of methamphetamine during a Nov. 26 traffic stop on I-40, just east of Flagstaff.

Craft told the Duty Office that one suspect was arrested. He also seized the vehicle and \$280 in cash.

Nothing like a little teamwork to disrupt the marijuana market.

After stopping a tractor trailer on I-10 just east of Benson Nov. 26, Highway Patrol

Officer Samuel Miller summoned the services of detectives assigned to the Pima County Narcotics Alliance.

During a consent search, the officers found numerous duffle bags containing 1,348 pounds of marijuana in front of the rig's trailer. Along with the tractor-trailer, the officers also seized \$3,060 in suspected drug currency.

Highway Patrol Officer Steve Kafton put this marijuana-smuggling operation on ICE.

While in Nogales Nov. 25, Kafton stopped a Ford pickup truck for an illegible license plate. His suspicions were aroused when the two in the truck fled on foot after the pickup came to a stop.

In the bed of the truck, Kafton found 1,241 pounds of marijuana. The DPS officer turned the truck and contraband over to U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE).

At one time, these suspects had more than enough money to purchase another high-end Cadillac Escalade, but not any more, thanks to Canine Officer John Armstrong and his partner Robbie.

On Nov. 21, Armstrong stopped the Cadillac SUV on I-10 about 20 miles west of Casa Grande for a moving violation. A consent search conducted by Armstrong and Robbie eventually pointed directly at the clothes the suspects were wearing. Within the pants and shirts of the suspects, Armstrong told the Duty Office that he found slightly more than \$84,000 in cash, believed to be the proceeds of a marijuana transaction.

The money and the Escalade were seized.

An arrest of two suspects for possessing a small amount of meth wasn't really that much a deal. But that was before the fireworks began.

On Nov. 13, DPS Detective Chad Hinderliter was assisting the Quartzite Police Department with the arrest of two suspects for possession of three grams of meth when he determined that the suspects were deeply involved in a major fraudulent schemes operation.

Hinderliter turned this information over to Financial Crimes Task Force Detective Tim Mason who used the intelligence to develop three search warrants that were served in Chandler, Glendale and Mesa. During the service of the warrants, investigating officers impounded nearly \$1.3 million in assets.

With help from the Explosive Ordnance Detail, a search warrant was also served on a storage unit where officers found more than 300 pounds of fireworks and mortars along with 5,000 ecstasy pills.



Holiday amazement

Retired DPS Major Steve Gendler operates the controls of a 600-foot model railroad set while a young child places his hands over his mouth in pure amazement of the various sights and sounds of the display. For the past nine years, Gendler and his friends have been operating model railroad equipment at the Fountain Hills Community Center during the holidays.

Retired DPS Major Gendler mastermind behind holiday scale-model train display

Imagine for a moment seeing a set of Santa Fe diesel locomotives as they glide around a wide curve pulling a streamlined passenger train or watching a Southern Pacific switch engine move slowly into the freight yard to retrieve a string of 15 box-cars slated for an outbound train.

Picture a scale model steam locomotive with fully automated smoke and digital sound or a 1930s era passenger locomotive with a set of elegant Pullman cars rolling over the mainline.

This year you had to go no further than the Fountain Hills Community Center to make this a reality as Steve Gendler and his friends once again set up his annual train layout for the holiday season.

For the past nine years, the retired DPS major and his friends have been operating Gendler's garden-scale model railroad equipment in an effort which has grown from a one-day event the first weekend in Decem-

ber to literally a month-long model railroad-ing opportunity.

The Town of Fountain Hills provided space in the Community Center lobby for the G-scale display, featuring more than 600 feet of mainline track, as it winds among the Christmas trees and holiday displays.

The layout, which sits on more than 50 6-foot tables, features separate passenger and freight yards, a double-track mainline, passing sidings and a wide variety of rolling stock and trackside buildings which fascinate everyone from the smallest child (see picture above) to seasoned model railroaders.

Gendler even has special trains that can be operated by children of all ages and it doesn't take much to persuade him to give would-be engineers a crack at the controls.

Gendler returned to DPS as a provisional civilian employee about five months ago. He is assigned to Research and Planning.

Letters

Dear Director Garrett:

The Phoenix Police Department, Violent Crimes Bureau, recently conducted a selection process for the position of homicide sergeant.

DPS Lt. Tim Chung agreed to assist us in the process by participating as a panel member. His assistance and valuable insight resulted in a successful process.

Our appreciation to Lt. Chung for his time and commitment to the selection process.

It was a pleasure working with him.

Chief Jack F. Harris
Phoenix Police Department

Dear Director Garrett:

This is a note to Air Rescue Pilot Hunter French and Paramedic Randy Morris to personally thank them for saving my life Aug. 6.

I am the woman they rescued from the wash.

I was riding with a friend from Tucson when our car was swept into the wash.

These two did an excellent job and I am forever grateful.

I also wrote a letter to Gov. Napolitano regarding the threat of discontinuing the helicopter service.

I feel this would be a grave disservice to the citizens of Tucson.

Again thank you. Peace and prayers.

Mary Arvai
Chicago

Dear Lt. Chung:

On behalf of the Town of Buckeye, the Buckeye Police Department, and myself, we extend our gratitude and appreciation for the hard work and support during a recent investigation regarding police misconduct within our agency.

I commend your Special Investigations Unit (SIU) for an outstanding effort in coordinating the preparation of the final report. The investigation was thorough, concise and presented in a professional and easily understandable format.

I would like to thank you and your entire unit for their support over the past two years. Whenever we have needed assistance, SIU has provided professional and technical support.

SIU's excellence serves as a role model that other agencies should emulate.

Detective Sgt. Charles Arlak
Buckeye Police Department

Inside DPS

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Martinez, Johnny A., 6463, Cadet Officer

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McLaughlin, Kenneth J., 4863, Officer

Meschke, Keith A., 6174, Cadet Officer

Pastirik, Michael R., 6232, Officer

Schuler, Tanya C., 5328, Human Resources Analyst

Taylor, Stephen M., 6467, Cadet Officer

Vogt, Scott A., 6431, Cadet Officer

White, Tony A., 4844, Criminal Intelligence Analyst

BIRTHS

Savannah Rose Velarde - 7 lbs., 10 oz., 20 3/4 inches. Born Aug. 19 at Scottsdale Healthcare-Osborn to Ana Rose Velarde. Ana is an administrative supervisor assigned to Property and Evidence.

OBITUARIES

Almida "Scotty" Trapp, 81, of Scottsdale, passed away Dec. 3. She was the mother of DPS Sgt. Jeff Trapp who is assigned to Legislative Security

DPS' falls short of SECC goal

DPS employee participation in this year's State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC) decreased considerably compared to last year's effort.

Some 217 DPS employees pledged \$38,349 during the drive that officially ended Nov. 30.

The finally tally represents a 23-percent decrease in DPS employee participation from last year and a 19-percent decrease in the amount of funds raised by the agency.

The average gift of each DPS employee SECC participant this year was \$176.

Seventy-three employees from the Highway Patrol Division participated, raising \$9,660. Twenty-four employees from the Criminal Investigations Division pledged \$3,549 while 79 employees from the Criminal Justice Support Division committed \$15,234. Thirty-six employees from the Agency Support Division and the Director's Office contributed \$9,199.

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Down the Highways

January 1965

The Tempe High School Kings Club, high school division of the Lions Club, presented Arizona Highway Patrol Sgt. Carroll Pennington with a truck load of white crosses to be used by patrolmen to mark sites of fatal traffic accidents.

The presentation was made Jan. 24 at Tempe High School.

The Arizona Highway Patrol arrested three Arkansas jail escapees after a fourth person was stopped on a traffic violation.

Patrolman Bill Reutter stopped a driver for a traffic violation. The driver said the vehicle he was in belonged to the driver of another car. Reutter radioed another patrolman who stopped the second car, which contained the escapees, who surrendered without a struggle.

One escapee was sentenced for assault with intent to kill a policeman and the other two were serving time for grand larceny.

January 1975

Kim Thompson, 22, a graduate of Northern Arizona University with a degree in police science, became DPS' first female officer to be assigned to a rural area. She will work in the Verde Valley area.

January 1980

DPS Patrolman Duncan Malloy and Yavapai Deputy Sheriff Jody Larue arrested a 46-year-old Phoenix truck driver who used his loaded lumber truck as a battering ram.

The driver, for unknown reasons, had rammed two vehicles on the Stanton Road five miles east of Congress.

The truck driver had threatened a man with a knife, brandished a .30-06 rifle, rammed a motor home three times and a Mountain Bell van. Another motorist told officers his car was pushed backward about 150 feet by the lumber truck before he could get it into reverse and escape.

January 1985

A possible confrontation between strikers and mine workers in the Clifton-Morenci area brought DPS officers out in strength during the Jan. 4-6 weekend.

The worst fears went unrealized and the 250 DPS officers left the area within a week.

The activity was in response to expected trouble as striking miners planned to celebrate Phelps Dodge layoffs of copper workers hired by the company to fill positions abandoned nearly 18 months ago by the strikers.

The Nogales DPS office greeted five new officers, including the first woman to be promoted to sergeant in the agency's history.

The *Nogales International* in its Jan. 30 edition reported that Sgt. Penny Gillette, who was promoted to sergeant in December, began working this month in her new capacity as head of the Nogales division.

January 1990

DPS Sgt. Tom Gosch and Officer Shan-

non Lewis, both of Flagstaff, went beyond the call of duty when a Joseph City High School bus carrying the school's basketball team had a minor traffic crash late Jan. 16.

The team was returning home following a game in Seligman when the bus blew a tire and struck a guard rail on Interstate 40 near Flagstaff. Gosch opened his home to 40 members of the traveling party while Lewis arranged with the Flagstaff school district to supply bus service for the students.

January 1995

A DPS Highway Patrol officer was injured after a water trailer disengaged from a truck and slammed into the rear of his parked patrol car Jan. 17 on I-10, 18 miles inside the Arizona state line.

Officer Greg Flores of Quartzsite had just completed a traffic contact and was sitting in his patrol car parked behind the two vehicles he had stopped when the patrol car was struck by the uncoupled trailer.

The collision in the eastbound emergency lane totaled Flores' 1992 Ford Taurus patrol car.

After the D-4 officer was flown by an Air Evac helicopter to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, medical personnel told DPS officials that Flores apparently suffered a pinched nerve in his spinal column and estimated that the officer would miss about three weeks of work.

Flores was discharged from the hospital the next day.